



First Station
Our Saviour Is Condemned To Death

Scene: After Jesus had been horribly scourged and crowned with thorns, Pilate unjustly condemned him to die on the Cross.

Reflection: We condemn Pilate for his injustice. Yet we are other Pilates in that our sins caused Christ to suffer, and yet He did us no wrong.

Lord, give me light to see more and more that it is my impatience, unkindness, vanity and sloth that have scourged and cut you. Hereafter I shall fight temptation more courageously.

Student Impressions Concerning Adoration.

"As I gazed at the Sacred Host and prayed, it seemed to grow so large that for a while I could almost picture Our Lord standing with out-stretched arms begging for my miserable soul. During that first period in the chapel -- I don't know how long it lasted, and I wish it had lasted forever -- I seemed to be under a spell. I felt as if I were ready to die. In those few happy moments that great feeling which had not been mine for a long time came back to me, and I could have died happy, knowing that I was still a friend of Jesus."

"Never before had I seemed so close to God, never had I felt so unworthy of His presence. The whole host seemed to cast its spell on those around and to move their lips to prayer of adoration. It was easy to pray, and I felt no restraint, but rather a desire to express to God my love and gratitude, and to ask His forgiveness for my sins. The time passed swiftly, and I cherish the experiences of that half-hour. There is nothing, indeed for which I would be willing to exchange them."

"Since the practice of daily adoration began at Notre Dame I have made it a duty to visit the Blessed Sacrament every day. I have not made long visits, and I have not used a prayer book; I have just talked to God, as a son to his father, of my difficulties of the past and present, and of my plans for the future. The devotion has made me look upon God not so much as the Supreme Being, but as a close and helping friend. I have always come away feeling consoled and confident."

"Not long ago a fellow-student told me of his feeling as a result of adoring the Blessed Sacrament for one half-hour. I received Holy Communion in the morning and at 9:30 I took my turn at adoration. I thanked the Lord for everything and prayed as I had never prayed before. It seemed to me the closest contact I had ever had with God. That day I felt like a new man, and everything that I did seemed to be done in a new spirit." If only one student had such experience, daily adoration at Notre Dame would be a success.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Prof. Leo Kuntz, CSC; grandfather of Dick Hilker (D11) (I11) Ed Hagerty, '27, brother of Patrick Hagerty (Law School) aunt of Dick Stack (Wal). Two Special Intentions. One Thanksgiving.